

# House Joint Memorial 16

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## SUMMARY

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Expresses support for United States policy to prevent government of Islamic Republic of Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons capability.

## JOINT MEMORIAL

To the President of the United States, the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, and the Governor of the State of Oregon:

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas since at least the late 1980s, the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran has engaged in a sustained and well-documented pattern of illicit and deceptive activities to acquire nuclear weapons capability; and

Whereas the United Nations Security Council has adopted multiple resolutions since 2006 demanding the full and sustained suspension of all uranium enrichment-related and reprocessing activities by the government of Iran and its full cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on all outstanding issues related to its nuclear activities, particularly those concerning the possible military dimensions of its nuclear program; and

Whereas the government of Iran remains in violation of all of the aforementioned United Nations Security Council Resolutions; and

Whereas IAEA inspectors have confirmed that the government of Iran has begun enrichment activities at the Fordow site, including enrichment of uranium hexafluoride up to 20 percent uranium-235; and

Whereas the government of Iran has repeatedly refused requests by IAEA inspectors to visit the Parchin military facility, a suspected site of Iranian activities related to testing of nuclear weapons; and

Whereas if the government of Iran were successful in acquiring nuclear weapons capability, other countries in the region might be spurred to consider developing their own nuclear weapons capabilities; and

Whereas top leaders of the government of Iran have repeatedly threatened the existence of the State of Israel, pledging to "wipe Israel off the map"; and

Whereas the United States Department of State has designated Iran as a state sponsor of terrorism since 1984 and has characterized Iran as the "most active state sponsor of terrorism"; and

Whereas the government of Iran has provided weapons, training, funding and direction to terrorist groups, including Hamas, Hezbollah and Shiite militias in Iraq that are responsible for the

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1 murder of hundreds of American forces and innocent civilians; and

2 Whereas on July 28, 2011, the United States Department of the Treasury charged that the gov-  
3 ernment of Iran had forged a “secret deal” with al Qaeda to facilitate the movement of al Qaeda  
4 fighters and funding through Iranian territory; and

5 Whereas on December 26, 2011, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution de-  
6 nouncing the serious human rights abuses occurring in Iran, including torture, cruel and degrading  
7 treatment in detention, the targeting of human rights defenders, violence against women and “the  
8 systematic and serious restrictions on freedom of peaceful assembly” as well as severe restrictions  
9 on the rights to “freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief”; and

10 Whereas on March 31, 2010, President Barack Obama stated that the “consequences of a  
11 nuclear-armed Iran are unacceptable”; now, therefore,

12 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

13 (1) We, the members of the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly, find that time is limited to  
14 take effective measures to prevent the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran from acquiring  
15 nuclear weapons capability.

16 (2) We support continued and increasing economic and diplomatic pressure on Iran to:

17 (a) Secure an agreement with the Iranian government to suspend uranium enrichment-related  
18 activities;

19 (b) Comply with United Nations Security Council resolutions and with the International Atomic  
20 Energy Agency on outstanding questions related to the nuclear activities of the Iranian government;  
21 and

22 (c) Ensure that Iran’s nuclear program is peaceful.

23 (3) We support the universal rights and democratic aspirations of the people of Iran.

24 (4) We affirm that it is a vital national interest of the United States to prevent the government  
25 of Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons capability.

26 (5) We support United States policy to prevent the government of Iran from acquiring nuclear  
27 weapons capability.

28 (6) The United States Government is respectfully urged to reject any policy that would rely on  
29 efforts to contain an Iran with nuclear weapons capability.

30 (7) The Governor of Oregon is respectfully urged to reaffirm opposition to any policy that would  
31 rely on containment as an option in response to the Iranian nuclear threat and to reaffirm that an  
32 Iran with nuclear weapons capability is unacceptable.

33 (8) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the Senate  
34 Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to each member of the Oregon  
35 Congressional Delegation and to the Governor of Oregon.

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